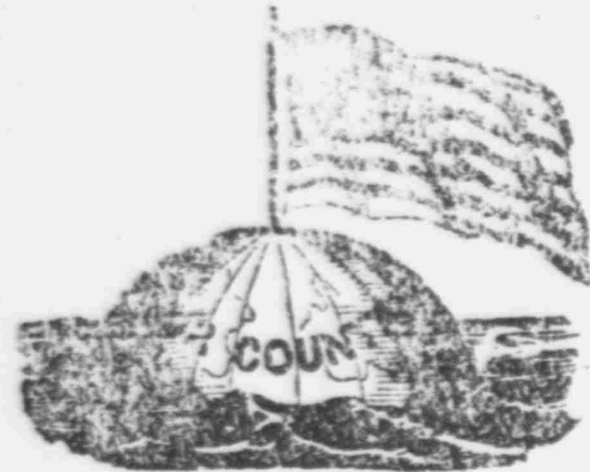


## THE OCALA BANNER

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Congressmen are kept pretty busy looking after their political fences.

The daughters of Hon. Cassaway Davis do not want any division of the family millions.

E. W. Irvine will be nominated for railroad commissioner in the first primary.—Lake City Index.

What Editor Harris did for Mr. W. J. Bryan in that controversy ought to last Mr. Bryan a life time.—Madison Recorder.

If Edison's threat to make autos so cheap everybody can have one is carried out nobody will want one.—Tampa Tribune.

Fra Albertus, who writes such beautiful things for the Phillistine, will lecture in Tampa on the 27th. He is a born orator and writer.

Apropos of Mr. Leake's statement that Bryan is crucifying his party, isn't Roosevelt clubbing his to death with the big stick?—Courier-Journal.

Another civil war is liable to ensue if congress keeps on talking about that \$10,000,000 for southern war claims, and then doesn't pass it up.—Atlanta Journal.

And Kentucky has so far failed to elect Governor Beckham to the United States senate. Mr. Bryan's journey to the "blue grass state" does not seem to have borne fruit.

The United States senate has passed the bill making an appropriation of \$250,000 for participation by the United States in an international exposition to be held in Tokio, Japan, in 1912.

It is claimed by the Jacksonville prohibition attorneys that when a voter signs a petition praying for a wet or dry election, he cannot take his name off at pleasure.

The senate committee on commerce has authorized a favorable report on the bill providing for construction of a lightship opposite the entrance to St. Johns river, Florida, costing \$125,000.

The federal grand jury at New Orleans has indicted representatives of various labor unions, charging them with violating the Sherman anti-trust law. It hurts when the other ox is gored.

Hon. D. U. Fletcher of Jacksonville, seeking United States senatorial honors, is expected in Ocala in about ten days. Mr. Fletcher is a captivating speaker and generally carries the crowd his way.

Gen. Albert W. Gilchrist, the leading candidate for governor, is making a race-horse record. Eight men out of every twelve in south Florida are enthusiastic over the ultimate success of DeSoto's favorite son.—Tampa Tribune.

Hon. Geo. W. Walker is a candidate for re-election to the office of state attorney for the second judicial circuit. Hon. Nat R. Walker of Wakulla and Hon. R. H. Buford of Gadsden county are also candidates for the same office.

Tom Lawson retires, beaten, baffled, disgusted. The public has no time to listen to the Lawsonian sermon upon frenzied finance while as luminous a discussion of it is included in the Rooseveltian philippics upon frenzied everything.—Courier-Journal.

The editor of the Sun may have seen diamonds in the Everglades, but he will never see the time when he will be able to convince the people that Mr. Bryan is the right man to represent Florida in the United States senate.—Madison Recorder.

E. W. Irvine of Lake City, candidate for state railroad commissioner, has already succeeded in impressing a considerable number of the people of the state, as well as the press, with his fitness for the office, together with his determination, in the event of his selection, to administer it in the interest of justice to all concerned. Mr. Irvine has a thorough knowledge of freight classification and rates, and is in other respects qualified to administer the office to the satisfaction of the people.—Palatka News.

## RETURNING GOOD FOR EVIL AND VICE VERSA

Some time ago Editor L'Engle of the Tallahassee Sun said some very ugly things about Editor Eugene Mathews of the Starke Telegraph. What did the Starke editor do? Why, he got red in the face and gave Editor L'Engle the hottest kind of a roast, calling him among other things an editorial "thug."

We notice since which time the Tallahassee Sun rarely mentions the name of the Starke paper or its editor except in the most polite and urbane manner.

Is this returning good for evil? The Times-Union, as is well known, ignores the very existence of Editor L'Engle and his newspaper, and in return for which Editor L'Engle is continually saying unkind things about the Times-Union in his newspaper, and very frequently Editor Wilson is cartooned in the Sun most offensively.

Is this returning evil for good?

In the course of events the Tallahassee Sun paid its respects to Editor Stoneman of the Miami News-Record.

In return Editor Stoneman got his back and his dander up and shot back at Editor L'Engle in a perfect stream of belching lava, calling the Sun editor among other things an editorial "Hessian."

We notice since which time the Sun editor has almost ceased to play in Editor Stoneman's backyard.

Is this tantamount to saying: "I'll be good!"

Editor Carter of the Jacksonville Metropolis also studiously ignores the existence of Editor L'Engle and the Tallahassee Sun, but Editor L'Engle never fails to cartoon Editor Carter and say ugly things about him in his newspaper.

Is this done in the good for evil spirit?

On the other hand, Editor Williamson of the Jacksonville Floridian, has not been over particular about what he says about Editor L'Engle nor the spirit in which he says it, and we notice that Editor L'Engle studiously ignores the existence of Editor Williamson and his newspaper.

Why are these things thus? Pardon us, we are asking simply because we are possessed with the proclivities of the "billygoat," and can't help from "butting in."

We notice also that ex-Governor Jennings is immune in the cartoon columns of the Tallahassee Sun; because of those Latin words, we suppose.

The "nest egg" of the press, however, thinks that Editor Claude is a fairly good fellow, and writes some very pertinent things, and as cartoonist Taylor's caricatures are harmless and afford a good deal of amusement for the "other fellow" why get mad about them?

## THE NEWSPAPERS AND THE PANIC

It looks like the pinch of hard times is affecting some of the state papers. There is the Carrabelle Advertiser, which recently took an indefinite holiday; there is the Crystal River News—now you see it and now you don't; there is the Winter Garden Ricochet, which has gone the way of all flesh—that is, it has gone dead; there is even the Live Oak Democrat, which on account of insufficient support, has been forced to reduce its size from eight pages to four pages. And there are others, whose bank surplus is not worrying them much. It takes a combination of brains, energy, endurance and pure nigger luck successfully to publish a newspaper, and this mixture is not always properly compounded, as many a man who has plunged into the newspaper business has found to his regret.—Lakeland News.

Hon. W. B. Lamar, at present a member of congress and a candidate for United States senator, writes that he will visit Ocala in about a month and will tell our people why he wants to represent them in the upper branch of congress. People from other sections of the state say that Mr. Lamar is going to make a good race.

Hon. W. H. Ellis and Hon. Park M. Trammell will divide the honors as the "administration candidate" for attorney general. The former, at the banquet Saturday night last, in Tampa, announced himself in "thorough accord with Governor Broward in all that he has done."—Lake City Index.

"No matter who wins in November," says the DeSoto County News, "we shall have a president committed to the policies of Bryan and Roosevelt. Taft, Hughes and Bryan—and the greatest of these is Bryan." It certainly begins to look that way.—Pensacola Journal.

General Albert W. Gilchrist is presented as south Florida's candidate for governor, but that does not mean that he will be governor of south Florida if he should be elected. It's the mansion at Tallahassee that Gen. Gilchrist has his eyes on.—Tampa Tribune.

Banner ads pay.

## HERE IS THAT LETTER

The One Which Mr. Stockton Wrote to Mr. Flagler

(From the Punta Gorda Herald.) By way of introduction to Mr. Stockton's letter to Mr. Flagler, it may be necessary to give a brief resume of the discussion which justifies its publication.

The Tallahassee Sun, which is recognized as the political organ of Mr. Stockton and his lieutenants, in its issue of December 21, 1907, on page five, quoted the gentleman as saying: "The Stockton Brothers owned a majority of the stock of the Times-Union from 1889 to 1896, and the paper was run as a fearless democratic people's paper. While it was under our control, it never cringed and worshipped at the feet of corporations, but defied them against tremendous odds."

Commenting upon this assertion by Mr. Stockton, the Herald alluded to a letter written by him to Mr. Flagler, which letter was read by Senator Tallafierro at a public meeting in Tampa four years ago, and represented Mr. Stockton as apologizing to Mr. Flagler for something said or done by the Times-Union.

In the Tallahassee Sun of January 11th, doubt is expressed that Mr. Stockton ever wrote such a letter, and the editor of the Herald is challenged to produce it. In compliance with this demand, the letter, reproduced from an exact photographic copy, is herewith given in full. The reader will observe from its contents that just before it was written, Mr. Stockton was opposing the nomination of Judge Henry L. Mitchell for governor, and at the same time trying to thwart the plans and efforts of the farmers' alliance.

The letter is dated Jacksonville, Fla., June 1, 1892, and reads as follows:

Dear Sir—Yours of the 16th at hand and contents carefully noted. I regret exceedingly that there should be any difference in the facts as stated in my letter of the 23rd ult. The information was received by my brother, Telfair, from an official of the J. T. & K. W. R. R., who stated that Judge Mitchell had rendered this decision. Since receiving your letter my brother has investigated the whole matter, and finds that Judge Mitchell was a member of the court at that time but did not hand down the decision. I would state further that we are now heartily supporting Judge Mitchell, and regret that we have done him an injustice.

As to the general expressions contained in my letter, I am quite confident I was right. However, there is no use in discussing the subject further, as the future will determine whether or not I have done Judge Mitchell an injustice.

The nomination of Judge Mitchell was brought about by a combination of Judge Mitchell's friends and the farmers' alliance, as will be shown by the enclosed copy of the platform as promulgated by the Tampa convention.

The farmers' alliance claim that they have not received all that was promised to them for their part in Judge Mitchell's nomination. It was definitely agreed between Judge Mitchell's friends and the farmers' alliance that the convention would adopt what is known as the St. Louis platform. Our friends preferred defeat rather than submit to the demands of the alliance.

When I meet you I will discuss the matter and will convince you that our position was not only an honest one, but for the best interests of the state. I very much deplore that anything has arisen to displease and cause a lack of confidence in us.

We have already secured a large portion of the outstanding stock and hope soon to complete the financial agreement entered into with you last March, and trust in the future that you will have no cause to complain of our management.

Yours very truly,  
J. N. C. STOCKTON

To Mr. H. M. Flagler, New York, N. Y.

## FROM MR. STOCKTON'S RECORD

Hon. Jno. N. C. Stockton to the public: "While the Times-Union was under our control, it never cringed to corporations, but defied them."

Hon. Jno. N. C. Stockton, to Mr. H. M. Flagler, Standard Oil and railroad magnate: "I very much deplore that anything has arisen to displease and cause lack of confidence in us, \* \* \* and trust in the future that you will have no cause to complain of our management."

Read the full presentation on the first page of this paper. No doubt Mr. Stockton's organs will denounce the Herald for printing these things and say that it is "abusing" and "vilifying" him, but we are simply printing the record and will leave it to the people to draw their own conclusions.—Punta Gorda Herald.

Atlanta wrapped in a blizzard, with no booze shop nearer than Chattanooga, and the wires down—could a more woebegone picture than that be imagined?—Augusta Herald.

## NEWSPAPERS SUPPORTING GILCHRIST

So far the papers supporting Hon. Albert W. Gilchrist are the Punta Gorda Herald, Dunnellon Advocate and Lake Butler Star. The majority of the papers are still on the fence on the gubernatorial situation. We have always admired Mr. Gilchrist and our mind was made up even before he announced.—Lake Butler Star.

Brother Powell should add the following to his list of newspapers that are supporting General Gilchrist: Tampa Tribune, Tampa News, Dade City Star, White Springs Herald, Fort Myers Press, Arcadia Champion, Wauchole Telegraph, Bradenton Journal. Possibly the Ocala Banner and a few others. There are few papers in the state that do not speak highly of him.—Punta Gorda Herald.

The Tribune does not hesitate to say that no man is able to speak ill of General Gilchrist for the simple reason that his life, words and actions alike appeal to all as proof of his honesty of character and sincerity of purpose. Whether political supporters or otherwise, all realize that should he win in the race for governor he will perform the duties of that exalted office heedless of self, with unflinching independence and impartiality. He is the man above all others now needed at the head of affairs in the commonwealth—one who believes in administering the affairs of state for the benefit of the people taken as a whole, and who recognizes no privileged classes or individuals in a popular government.

It would require an editor with an extreme obliquity of vision to raise the pen against a man of the Gilchrist stamp. We are thankful to say that Florida is not productive of that class of newspaper writers. Though policy may prevent an open support, honest admiration deters them from hostile demonstration. We are proud to note this fact. Although we earnestly desire to see General Gilchrist succeed, we are more proud to note it because of the honor it reflects upon the press of Florida than because of the promise it conveys that the immediate hopes of the general's friends will be realized.—Tampa Tribune.

## TRYING TO KEEP FRANK WALPOLE STRAIGHT

It takes our best to keep Frank Walpole of the Manatee Record straight—and then we can't do it. His latest break is in saying that our present governor "has come nearer living up to his campaign pledges than any governor that ever served the state." We do not find fault with our friend for his enthusiastic devotion to Governor Broward. In fact, we rather admire it. But in discussing matters of this kind the facts of history should be kept in mind. The fact is that no governor except Governor Broward was ever elected on personal pledges to the voters of the state. Up to his time every governor was elected on an enunciation of principles, called a platform, made by a convention of delegates elected by and representing the people. So far as we know the governors so elected lived up to the platforms so enunciated and we think our friend of the Record cannot show wherein any of them were derelict.—Starke Telegraph.

The governor has been very good to Editor Walpole, and he believes in the motto of praising the bridge that takes him safely across the stream.

## A SUGGESTION POLITICAL

Since the southern democrats caused the defeat of the regular nominees for president and vice president, Douglass and Johnson, in 1890, the beginning of the party's woes and resulting so disastrously to the whole country, might it not be well in 1908 for them, since it is in their power, to go back to the old ticket, in name, at least—Douglass and Johnson—and start over again.

If that doesn't suit, then reverse it and make it Johnson and Douglass—both good and strong men, and with either in the lead, possible winners.

Possibly this is a good year for the party to announce in its platform a view expressed by Senator Douglass when he said: "In my opinion, this government was made by white men for the benefit of white men and their posterity forever, and should be administered by white men and by none other whatsoever." R. M.

Ocala, Fla., Feb. 14, 1908.

## WHAT CONSTITUTES A STATE

"What constitutes a state?" "A governor, two senators, a pro rata of congressmen and a long string of minor offices."—Courier-Journal.

Not in Florida. Here Jacksonville constitutes the state. She furnishes the governor and the candidate for governor, both the United States senators and the candidates for United States senators and the minor offices. And she says if Jacksonville is able to do this, why should the other sections of the state render objections.

## "THE PURCHASED PRESS"

The president professes to believe deep down in the bottom of his heart that a great many of the newspapers of the United States are "corrupted" by Standard Oil. Well, the president professed just as solemnly, a little while ago, to believe in the corporeal existence of a body of political conspirators with \$5,000,000 corruption fund. The president, when the exigencies of circumstances seem to demand it, can get himself to believe a very great many things vastly more improbable than that the whale actually swallowed Jonah, or that Jonah actually swallowed the whale. A fine, elastic imagination has our president. A condescending eye, and, as the late Bill Nye said, "another very closely resembling it," enable him to see a great many interesting things that are just as horrifying to a patriot as they would be if they really existed.

"It is very easy," says Mr. Van Bibber, "to call a man a fool, and it is very hard for a man who is called a fool not to get angry and throw the other man out of the window."

It is by no means a reflection upon Mr. Roosevelt to say that he owes a great deal of his popularity to the American press. He has been ever eager for praise from the democratic and the republican newspapers. And they have given it to him without measure. Party lines have not been drawn in commending the president, and they have not been drawn in criticizing him. Recently there has been more of a note of criticism than of commendation in the comments of the newspapers of both parties. With his customary intolerance of the opinions of the other fellow, Mr. Roosevelt has showed ill temper, but with less than his customary political sagacity, he has shown a spirit of unfairness that must make many of the republican newspapers feel toward him very much as Mr. Van Bibber did toward Mr. Caruthers.

Nothing is so easy as to raise the cry of "bought" when a newspaper does not agree with one's political views or exhibit a sympathetic interest in one's antrums. Mr. Davis, of Arkansas, who says himself that Mr. Roosevelt's recent special message eclipsed his brightest dream of the oratory of annihilation, beat Mr. Roosevelt to the house-tops by a couple of leaps with the statement that almost all of the newspapers are bought by the trusts. No one was surprised when Mr. Davis shouted "unclean" at all of the newspapers that indulged in hilarity in the headlines above reports of his maiden speech. It was to be expected that a cheap and shallow demagogue would say, and conceivable that he might believe, that the corrupted alone could differ from him. But the president should know better than to imitate Mr. Davis.

If the president is really "seeing things" there is, of course, nothing to recommend but a rest cure. If he is merely trying to make the people believe that widespread corruption of the press exists it is not worth while for anyone to take him seriously.—Courier-Journal.

The election of Hon. Arthur T. Williams to be chairman of the state democratic executive committee is one which will please more democrats than probably almost any other that could have been made. Mr. Williams' management of that important political office during his former term was so clear from any cause for suspicion that the democratic party of Florida may well be glad that he is to succeed that other chairman, Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher, who won so much esteem and confidence in that position.—Times-Union.

Hon. W. S. Jennings has been announced as a candidate for member of the national democratic executive committee before the approaching democratic primary. We know of no better man for the place, and commend him to the friendly consideration of the democratic party.—Brooksville Argus.

## BABY GIRL CRIED AND SCRATCHED

All the Time—Torturing Eczema Covered Her Body—Could Not Sleep—Doctor Said Sores Would Last for Years—Skin Now Clear.

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"I take great pleasure in telling you what a great help it was for me to use Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment for my baby niece. She was suffering from that terrible form of eczema. It was all over her body but the worst was on her face and hands. Her hands were so bad that she could not hold anything. She cried and scratched all the time and could not sleep night or day from the scratching. I had her under the doctor's care for a year and a half and he seemed to do her no good. I took her to the best doctor in the city and he said that she would have the sores until she was six years old. But if I had depended on the doctor my baby would have lost her mind and died from the want of sleep."

"I used all the remedies that every body told me about and I tortured the child almost to death. Then I saw in the paper how Cuticura was the thing for irritating skin. I bathed her with warm water and Cuticura Soap and used the Cuticura Ointment. She was cured in three months. Now her skin is as clear and smooth as it could be. I shall recommend the use of Cuticura wherever I see the skin in bad condition. Allen L. Donnelly, 4709 E. 10th Ave., St. Louis, Mo., May 2 and 20, 1907."

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"Old Man Mud," of Muddy Bottom postoffice, asked a question through the columns of the Ocala Banner that has not been taken up by the newspaper press of Florida, yet we think the question important enough to merit an answer. "Old Man Mud" said that in several instances Governor Broward had set aside the will of the majority of democrats expressed at the primary or through the county executive committee, and this being true, the governor having set the precedent, he asks if the average democrat will be expected to keep inviolate the primary pledge? In view of recent events in this county, in Escambia and some other counties, the question at least affords food for reflection.

About \$3,000,000 may be secured from the government by people of the south if the Cooper bill, reported unanimously by the house committee on war claims, becomes a law. The bill gives to the court of claims jurisdiction of the claims for captured and abandoned property, which was sold during the civil war and the proceeds turned into the United States treasury.

The question of county divisions is likely to come up in the legislative contest this year, at least in DeSoto county. Col. I. E. Barwick is a candidate for state senator from the district composed of DeSoto and Manatee counties, and has pledged himself to work for the division of the former county, in case he is elected. The anti-divisionists may prevail on Senator J. H. Humphries to stand for reelection.—Times-Union.

The democratic congressional campaign committee has selected a man from Missouri as chairman. Lamducks in need of assistance this year will have to show 'em, it seems.—Atlanta Journal.



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